ABSTRACT

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2 An optical lithography system comprises a light source, a spatial light modulator, imaging optics and means for continuously moving a photosensitive 3 4 substrate relative to the spatial light modulator. The spatial light modulator comprises at least one array of individually switchable elements. The spatial light 5 6 modulator is continuously illuminated and an image of the spatial light modulator 7 is continuously projected on the substrate; consequently, the image is constantly 8 moving across the surface of the substrate. While the image is moving across the 9 surface, elements of the spatial light modulator are switched such that a pixel on 10 the surface of the substrate receives, in serial, doses of energy from multiple elements of the spatial light modulator, thus forming a latent image on the 12 substrate surface. The imaging optics is configured to project a blurred image of 13 the spatial light modulator on the substrate, enabling sub-pixel resolution feature 14 edge placement.

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